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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA

1. BY SEPTTEL YOU ARE RECEIVING TEXT OF STATEMENT BY
DEPARTMENT RESPONDING TO LUSAKA DECLARATION BY FRONT-LINE
PRESIDENTS.

2. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KAUND;
FROM THE SECRETARY.

3. QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE SEEN THE STATEMENT
MADE BY THE FIVE FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS, AND I CONSIDER IT
ON THE WHOLE A POSITIVE STEP FORWARD. WE ARE NOW CON-
SULTING WITH THE BRITISH ON THE CALLING OF A MEETING TO
ORGANIZE THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT. I HAVE ASKED AMB. LOW
TO TRANSMIT TO YOU THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE
STATE DEPARTMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENT BY THE FIVE
PRESIDENTS.

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4. I SHALL REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU IN THE COMING DAYS IN ORDER TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS, AND WE WILL AT THE SAME TIME DO OUR BEST TO FACILITATE NEGOTIATIONS, IF WE ARE ASKED. BUT WE HOPE ALL THE

PARTICIPANTS WILL RECOGNIZE THAT BY ASKING TOO MUCH, THEY MAY RISK LOSING WHAT THEY HAVE GAINED SO FAR, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT SUCCESS IS SO NEAR. I REMAIN OF THE VIEW THAT LIVINGSTONE WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE PLACE FOR THE MEETING TO SET UP A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT.

WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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